

June 12, 2001

Ms. Sarah C. Shuptrine, Director  
Covering Kids and Families National Program Office  
Southern Institute on Children and Families  
500 Taylor Street, Suite 202  
Colombia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Ms. Shuptrine:

I am pleased to support the "Covering Kids and Families" initiative and the continued leadership of this forum, which has made a significant impact on the enrollment of eligible children in the Mississippi Health Benefits program.

In conjunction with the division of Medicaid, Department of Human Services, and Department of Finance and Administration, my office has been actively involved in the "Covering Kids" coalition and collaborative activities. The accomplishments of this coalition speak for themselves and I look forward to continued success through the "Covering Kids and Families" initiative.

One of the many goals of my administration is to make Mississippi, "America's State of Promise." By working with the leaders of this program, we are taking steps to make this goal a reality. I value the support of the National Program Office and the Foundation's dedication and commitment to Mississippi.

Very truly yours,

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